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APPLICANT: Akio OZASA et al.  
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FOR: BIODEGRADABLE MOLDED ARTICLE

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☒ Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

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☒ The undersigned hereby declares that "12480-000055/US." on page 1 of the attached inventors' Declaration corresponds to Appl. No. 10/505,157 filed August 20, 2004, entitled "BIODEGRADABLE MOLDED ARTICLE."

☐ English language specification, claims, and Abstract with ( ) sheets of drawings.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

☒ Attached is a copy of Form PCT/DO/EO/905.

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☐ Applicant(s) hereby respectfully petitions for ( ) month(s) extension of time for the filing of the present paper in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. The required fee of \$0.00 is attached hereto.


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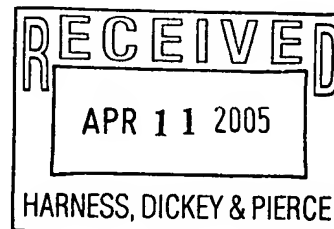
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The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 08/20/2004
- English Translation of the IA filed on 08/20/2004
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 08/20/2004
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 08/20/2004
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 08/20/2004
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 08/20/2004
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The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

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